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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/23/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/16/04
BRO-FRY	168,254	168,084
LT HENS	1,449	1,336
HVY HENS	1,490	1,521

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

WEEK ENDING 16-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	82	0	82
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	185	8	193
SAME WEEK YR AGO	92	0	92
TO-DATE/2004	9,723	99	9,822
TO-DATE/2003	9,609	133	9,742

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,387	1,522	2,909
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,455	1,520	2,975
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,256	1,378	2,634
TO-DATE/2004	65,602	55,623	121,225
TO-DATE/2003	69,910	57,929	127,839

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 16-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	161,485	1,305	1,522	2,827
AVG WT	5.46	3.34	7.81	5.75
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	161,676	1,270	1,512	2,782
SAME WK YR AGO	157,115	1,164	1,378	2,542
AVG WT	5.26	3.42	8.40	6.12
TO-DATE/2004	6,430,183	55,879	55,524	111,403
TO-DATE/2003	6,327,938	60,301	57,796	118,097

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.4 million head or 1.0 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 09-Oct-04

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	18,335	17,184	45,156
Avg Weight	3.80	4.75	6.34
% of total /1	23%	21%	56%
Last week	21,323	20,623	51,158
Avg Weight	3.69	4.67	6.60
% of total /1	23%	22%	55%
Same week, yr ago /2	16,750	18,866	33,600
Avg Weight	3.79	4.80	6.24
% of total /1	24%	27%	49%
To date/2004	1,039,467	853,318	1,831,990
To date/2003	924,847	946,469	1,777,230

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-Oct-04  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,515	2,624	40	8	4,187
AVG WT	16.00	36.18	24.89	30.54	28.76
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,698	2,663	46	3	4,410
SAME WK YR AGO	1,876	2,896	51	0	4,823
AVG WT	15.87	34.78	24.92	0.00	27.32
TO-DATE/2004	70,552	104,803	2,120	300	177,775
TO-DATE/2003	77,061	112,289	2,610	554	192,514

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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